

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
PATENT  
3003-1115-1

**IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Rodney Alan CROSS et al.

Conf. 7245

Application No. 10/565,172

Group 3676

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Examiner A. Pickard

IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO NON-CONTACTING FACE  
SEALS AND THRUST BEARINGS

**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 26, 2009

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed October 24,  
2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing  
of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.